

# STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

## Agenda Consideration

**TOPIC:** Before-School and After-School  
Child Care

**ITEM NO.:** 9B

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**MEETING:** February 28, 2006  
**ACTION DATE:** February 28, 2006  
**INFORMATION DATE:** February 14, 2006

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**ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:** That the Stafford County School Board approve the negotiation of a contract with the Rappahannock Area YMCA in response to RFP #728054 dated June 29, 2005, for the pilot program to provide Before-School and After-School Child Care, also known as School Age Child Care (SACC).

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### KEY POINTS:

- Donna Krueger agreed to chair an implementation planning committee to prepare a time line and activity chart to ensure SCPS remains on target to execute a pilot program in September 2006.
- Committee members include Jo Anne Baker, Robert Freeman, and Gayle Thyrring, Principals for Rocky Run Elementary, Widewater Elementary, and Falmouth Elementary, respectively; Flavia Hall and J.R. Raybold, Assistant Principals for Winding Creek Elementary and Margaret Brent Elementary, respectively; Cari Del Fratt, Coordinator of Elementary Education; Anne Sharp and Cindy Sonntag, members of the finance department; Kara Colucci, teacher; and Wendy Surman, community representative.
- Each member of the committee was provided with the proposals from Knowledge Learning Center, Minnieland, and the YMCA.
- Following the January 10, 2006, School Board Meeting, copies of the three proposals were provided to the members of the Board as requested.
- Site visits to Spotsylvania County (Courthouse Elementary) and Prince William County (Swan's Creek Elementary) were made by two members of the finance department to observe the interaction between the students and providers in those SACC programs. Spotsylvania County has a current contract with Knowledge Learning Center and Prince William County has a current contract with Minnieland.
- The committee met for its initial meeting on February 1, 2006.

- The principal goal of the meeting was to select a school age child care provider based on the following criteria: A program that is activity-oriented, community-based, and geared primarily to serve the needs of Stafford County students.
- After thorough deliberation, the committee agreed to recommend the Rappahannock Area YMCA (to the School Board) to provide school age child care at the following elementary schools: Falmouth, Margaret Brent, Rocky Run, Widewater, and Winding Creek.
- No monetary amount is associated with this proposal as it is self-funded.
- A subcommittee consisting of Donna Krueger, Anne Sharp, and Cindy Sonntag met with YMCA personnel on Monday, February 6, and obtained further clarification on its implementation process.
- A program designated coordinator has yet to be determined.
- Upon approval of the School Board, the implementation planning committee will continue to move forward and perform its duties to ensure the timely implementation of this program. Monthly updates will be provided to the School Board.

**SCHOOL BOARD GOAL #6:** Introduce programs to enhance employee status, within the school division and the community at large, so that employees are aware of their value to school and the community.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE:**

- 1) School Board Meeting Agenda Item 10A, October 26, 2004 Meeting, Topic: Day Care Facilities
- 2) Stafford County Public Schools Policies and Procedures, Policy 4-32